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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in response to the Final Office Action dated September 23, 2005 in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

No additional fee is required.

Yours very truly,

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a final Official Action mailed September 23, 2005 which carried a shortened statutory period for response of three months so that a reply is due by December 23, 2005.

It is requested that the following amendments be entered as it is believed that they will put the claims in condition for allowance or in better condition for an appeal: